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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH GUINEA-BISSAU AMBASSADOR

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- 1. IN LATE AFTERNOON MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR ALEXANDRE NUNES CORREIA AUG 13, CHARGE CONGRATULATED CORREIA FOR LONG SUCCESSFUL STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE AND EXPECIALLY FOR DISPLAY OF RESPONSIBILITY AND MODERATION THAT LED TO AUGUST 9 ACCORD WITH PORTUGUESE GOVT. THEN PASSED TO CORREIA TEXT OF WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT OF AUG 12 (REF B) IN UNOFFICIAL FRENCH TRANSLATION AND ENGLISH TEXT AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELE'S UNSC SPEECH (REF C). PROMISED FRENCH TRANSLATION SCHAUFELE SPEECH TOMORROW (EXPECTED OVER WIRELESS FILE).
- 2. CORREIA WAS VERY DEEPLY MOVED BY PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT. HE ASKED IF STATEMENT MEANT THAT USG RECOGNIZED GUINEA-BISSAU. I REPLIED THAT RECOGNITION IN US CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM WAS PEROGATIVE OF PRESIDENT ALONE. I STRESSED THAT I WAS SPEAKING PERSONALLY, BUT EXPRESSED MY BELIEF THAT PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT IN EFFECT CONSTITUTED RECOGNITION OF GUINEA-BISSAU LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BY USG AS OF AUG 12, DATE OF STATEMENT. CORREIA ASKED IF I

WOULD SEEK CLARIFICATION AND CONFIRMATION FROM WASHINGTON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND I TOLD HIM I WOULD DO SO.

- 3. CORREIA ALSO SAID HE WOULD PASS STATEMENT TO PAIGC SECGEN ARISTIDES PEREIRA, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM "INTERIOR" MEANING GUINEA-BISSAU ITSELF. I COMMENTED THAT I ALSO LOOKED FORWARD TO VISITING "INTERIOR". CORREIA LAUGHED AND ASKED IF HE SHOULD TAKE THAT AS OFFICIAL REQUEST. I REPLIED THAT OFFICIAL REQUEST WOULD, I HOPED, FOLLOW SOON.
- 4. CORREIA SAID THAT GUINEA-BISSAU LEADERS WERE RELIEVED AND HAPPY WITH THE WAY THINGS HAD DEVELOPED. THEY WERE EXTREMELY CONCERNED, HOWEVER, WITH LATEST DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING FRELIMO, AND ALSO AT REPORTS OF VIOLENCE IN AMALA. IN LUANDA, SAID HE HAD BAD REPORTS OF PORTUGUESE BEING KILLED. I ASKED HOW THINGS WERE GOING IN BISSAU. CORREIA REPLIED THAT EVERYTHING PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY, AND THAT PAIGC HAD POPULATION UNDER FULL CONTROL.
- 5. REQUEST RESPONSE ASAP TO CORREIA'S VERY NATURAL QUESTION: DOES PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT CONSTITUTE RECOGNITION OF GUINEABISSAU?

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